

Washington-In an effort to improve transportation safety and access in the Southland, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (CA-39) announced today that she secured support for \$850,000 for transportation related projects in the cities of Artesia, Cerritos and Lakewood. Congresswoman Sánchez got the funds included in the Transportation Appropriations bill, which passed the Appropriations Committee by a voice vote. The bill must now be passed by the full House of Representatives and signed by the President to become law.

“I am very pleased to have acquired these funds to answer transportation needs in Artesia, Cerritos and Lakewood,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “These investments will improve our public transportation system, upgrade our transportation infrastructure and spur economic development,” concluded Sánchez.

Congresswoman Sánchez secured \$300,000 for the city of Artesia for two projects. The first project is a \$200,000 investment to purchase new large-capacity, clean-air buses for the circulator system. Congresswoman Sánchez also got \$100,000 for the construction of a parking structure in Artesia’s main business district.

Congresswoman Sánchez secured \$300,000 for the city of Cerritos to improve the city’s bus system. The funds will be used to purchase new clean-air buses for Cerritos on Wheels and replace smaller, older diesel buses. The new large-capacity buses run on natural gas, and will improve public transportation options while helping the environment.

Congresswoman Sánchez also secured \$250,000 for the city of Lakewood to improve traffic intersections. The funds will upgrade deteriorating traffic signals, and install poles and mast arms at busy intersections. These upgrades will improve safety and traffic flow.

“Congresswoman Sánchez has come through again for the people of Lakewood,” said Lakewood Mayor Larry Van Nostran. “These improvements will help make sure that we can get to home and work more safely and quickly. I am ecstatic and delighted that we have someone in Washington like Congresswoman Sánchez that is working so hard for communities like ours.”

“These investments in Artesia, Cerritos and Lakewood will help reduce traffic, improve roadway safety and create economic opportunity throughout the Southland,” said Congresswoman Sánchez.

In her first four years in office, Congresswoman Sánchez has secured federal funds for several transportation projects in local cities, including \$1.4 million for the purchase of clean-air buses in Cerritos, \$1.3 million for road improvements in Artesia, \$320,000 for road improvements in Hawaiian Gardens, and \$480,000 for road improvements in Long Beach.